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THE CROSS-TIME CAPER™ **EXCALIBUR™**



CRUSADER X™

VS.

**Captain
BRITAIN!**

AND THE WINNER

**FACES IRON
MAN!**

WOSATK ME MILGROM

SHADOWS TRIUMPHANT

A STAN LEE PRESENTATION, STARRING EXCALIBUR!

LONDON (BUT NOT
OUR LONDON)--

--AN INTERROGATION ROOM IN THE
TOWER HEADQUARTERS OF HER
IMPERIAL BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S
WEIRD HAPPENINGS ORGANIZATION...

TALK,
PRUSSIAN!

WE HAVE YOU
DEAD TO RIGHTS,
NIGHTCRAWLER, THERE'S
NO DENYING IT. AND
ESPIONAGE IS A
CAPITAL CRIME.

LAST CHANCE
TO COOPERATE,
MUTANT, OR BY
THE GREAT HARRY...

...IT'LL GO
HARD ON
YOU!

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I CAN'T
TELL YOU WHAT
I DON'T
KNOW--

-- WHY WON'T
YOU BELIEVE
ME WHEN I
TELL YOU
WHAT I
DO?!



WRONG
ANSWER,
CHUM.



IS THIS NECESSARY, COMMANDER THOMAS?

IT'S IMPERATIVE WE
DETERMINE THE NATURE
AND EXTENT OF THE
THREAT TO THE WORLD
SUMMIT.

THE MONARCH
OF EVERY GREAT
POWER ON EARTH
IS IN LONDON, DR.
STUART...

...WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO
TAKE THE
SLIGHTEST
RISK.



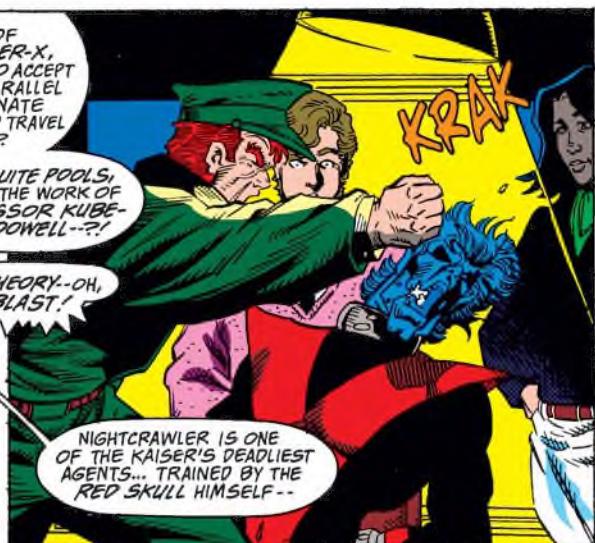
ARE HIS
STATEMENTS
SO OUT-
LANDISH?

BE
SERIOUS,
SANDY.

I AM! IN A WORLD OF
BEINGS LIKE CRUSADER-X,
WHY IS IT SO HARD TO ACCEPT
THE POSSIBILITY OF PARALLEL
DIMENSIONS--ALTERNATE
REALITIES, DAI--AND TRAVEL
BETWEEN THEM?

READ QUITE POOLS,
MAN-- THE WORK OF
PROFESSOR KUBE-
MC DOWELL--?!

IS THEORY--OH,
BLAST!



KRAK

NIGHTCRAWLER IS ONE
OF THE KAISER'S DEADLIEST
AGENTS... TRAINED BY THE
RED SKULL HIMSELF--



--WE'VE FOUGHT
HIM BEFORE, SANDY.
WE KNOW FULL WELL
WHAT HE'S CAPABLE
OF--

--YET ALL OF A SUDDEN,
YOU'RE PREPARED TO
ACCEPT THE MOST
PREPOSTEROUS
COCK-AND-BULL
STORY--!



EXPLAIN THE
TRAIN, THEN, AND
THE ARTIFACTS WE
FOUND ABOARD. CLEAR
EVIDENCE OF CROSS-
TIME TRANSIT.

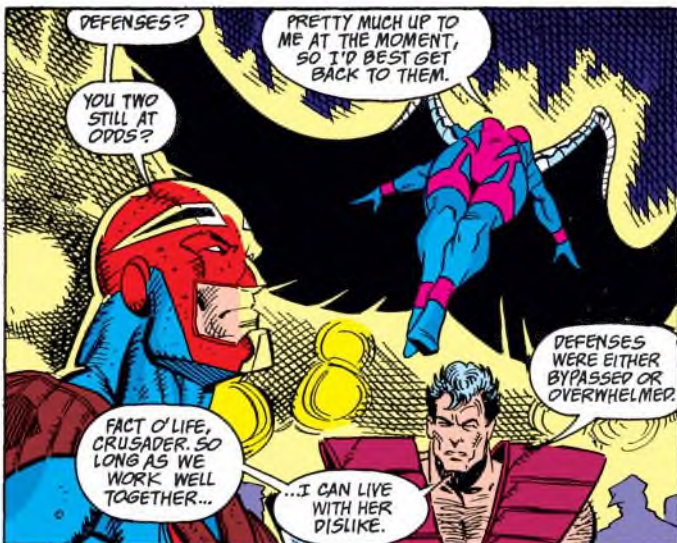
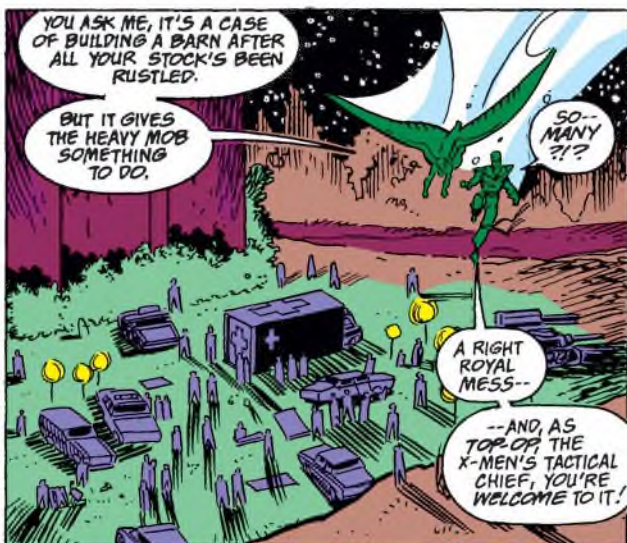


NOT TO ME.
THEY'RE PLANTS.
DISINFORMATION.

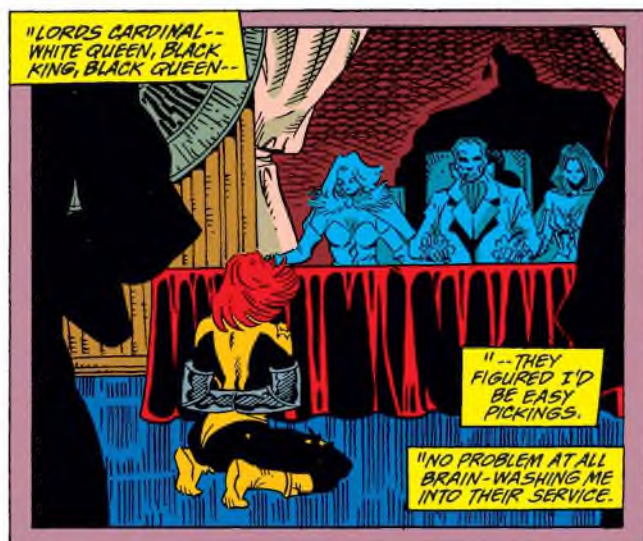
FOR HEAVEN'S
SAKE, DAI, IT'S
POWERED BY
A DRAGON!

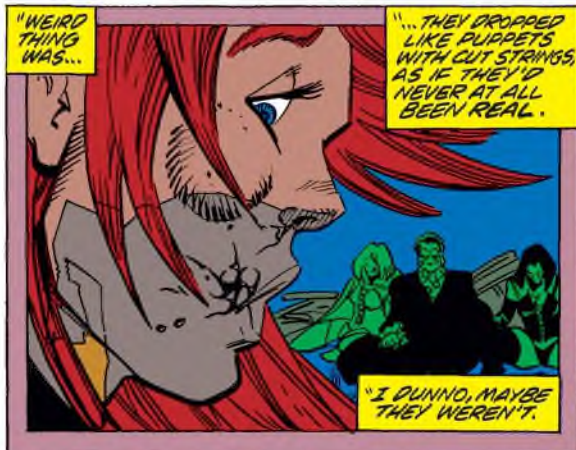
HAVING
TROUBLE, DEAR
SISTER?







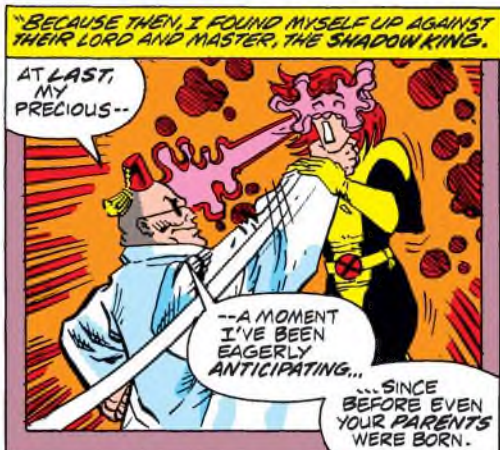




"WEIRD
THING
WAS..."

"...THEY DROPPED
LIKE PUPPETS
WITH CUT STRINGS,
AS IF THEY'D
NEVER AT ALL
BEEN REAL."

"I DUNNO, MAYBE
THEY WEREN'T."



"BECAUSE THEN, I FOUND MYSELF UP AGAINST
THEIR LORD AND MASTER, THE SHADOW KING."

AT LAST,
MY
PRECIOUS--

--A MOMENT
I'VE BEEN
EAGERLY
ANTICIPATING...

...SINCE
BEFORE EVEN
YOUR PARENTS
WERE BORN.



"I DIDN'T UNDER-
STAND WHAT HE
MEANT, THEN. *

* THAT STORY CAN BE FOUND IN EXCALIBUR
SPECIAL EDITION #15 3 & 4, ON SALE THIS
SPRING AND SUMMER.--T.K.



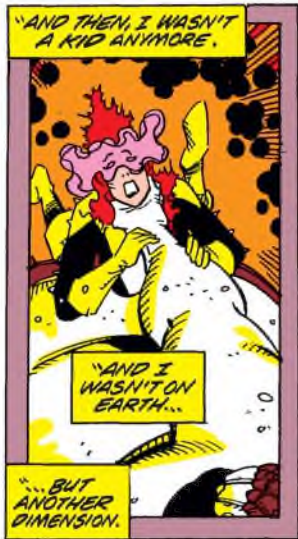
"BUT I FOUGHT
ANYWAY."

"HE LIKED
THAT."



"THE
HARDER
I
RESISTED..."

"...THE MORE
DELIGHT HE
TOOK IN SMASHING
ME DOWN."



"AND THEN, I WASN'T
A KID ANYMORE."

"AND I
WASN'T ON
EARTH..."

"...BUT
ANOTHER
DIMENSION."



"WHERE ONE BLOAT
GAVE WAY TO ANOTHER."

"MOJO."

"MASTER-
SHOWMAN,
RINGMASTER
OF THE
WILDWAYS."



"AND I WAS HIS STAR
ATTRACTION."



BUT I BEAT
THEM BOTH!

I DID
I REALLY
DID!

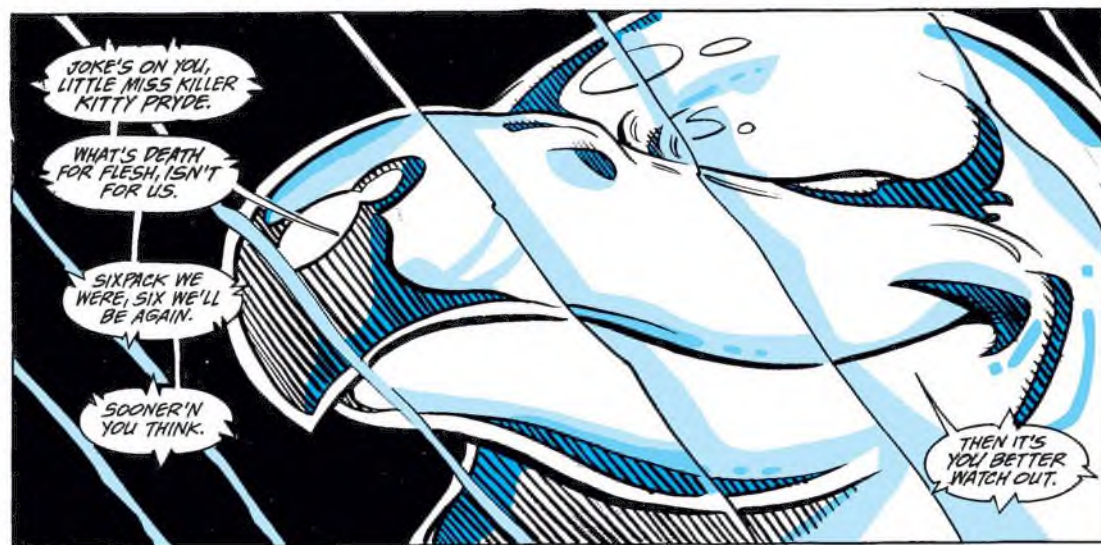
I'M STRONG
NOW, I'M
PHOENIX!

THE BLOATS
CAN'T HURT ME
ANYMORE.

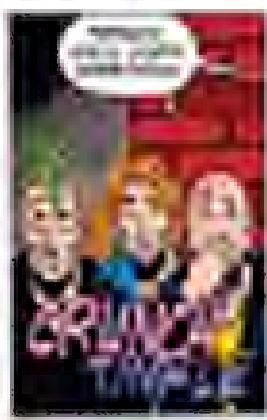
I'M
NOT
SCARED.

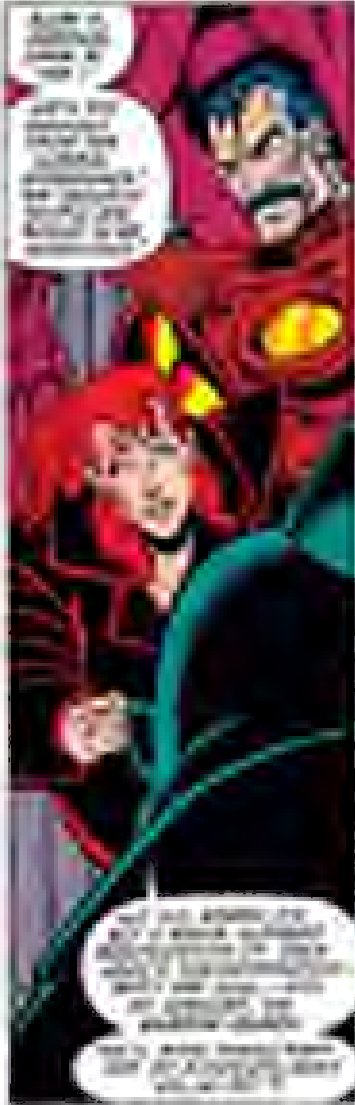
SO HOW
COME ALL I
WANT TO
DO...

...IS
RUN
AWAY?



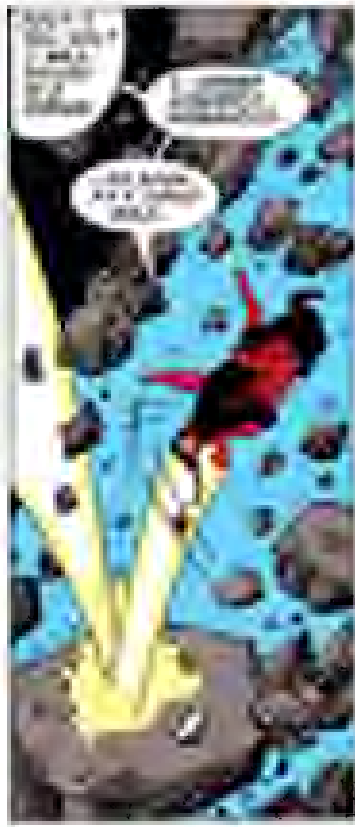






















PART OF ME WAS SO SURE THE SHADOW KING WOULD SEE THROUGH MY DECEPTION.

BUT I FAKED HIM, TOTALLY!

AND NOW I BEAT YOU...

...TOO!

KLIKE

IF YOU'RE LISTENING TO THIS, FAROUK, THEN I'VE BEEN INCAPACITATED BY YOUR PSYCHIC ATTACK--

--AND YOU, "DEAR BOY," ARE IN A WHOLE LOT OF TROUBLE.

BECAUSE MY ARMOR HAS SHIFTED OVER TO A FULL AUTOMATIC MODE, TOTALLY COMPUTER CONTROLLED-- INVULNERABLE TO YOUR PSYCHIC MANIPULATIONS.



